pair of express train viz. 6525/6526 Kanniyakumari-Bangalore Express provides daily service between Thiruvananthapuram and Bangalore besides 6335/6336 Nagarcoil-Gandhidham Express (weekly) between Thiruvananthapuram and Bangalore.

(b) and (c) Some representations from MPs/MLAs, including from travelling public, have been received in this regard. These demands have been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

[Translation]

Reservation Facility at Nalanda Railway Station

5289. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation facility is available at Nalanda Railway Station for the trains starting from Patna Junction to Delhi, Howrah, Bombay etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide reservation facility at this station with a view of facilitate the passengers;

(e) if so, the total number of seats for which reservation facility is likely to be provided at this station; and

(f) the time by which adequate reservation facility is likely to be provided from this station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The sale of tickets is too meagre to justify allotment of reservation quota.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Transmitter Network on Border Areas of Jammu and Kashmir

5290. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a network of high and low power transmitters on the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir with a view to educate and entertain the people of the area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to further augment TV service in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the border areas, two HPTs, 3 LPTs, 10 VLPTs and one transposer are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the State.

[English]

Non AC-II Class Compartments in Shatabdi Express

5291. SHRII S.D.N.R. WADIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non AC-II Class compartments in Shatabdi Express plying between Mysore and Chennai;

(b) whether the Government are considering to introduce few non AC-II Class compartments to help ordinary passengers travelling from Mysore directly to and from Madras; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) None.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Survey for Laying Down Bijnore-Muzaffarnagar Rail Line

5292. SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to conduct survey for laying down railway line from Bijnore to Muzaffarnagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Employment on Compassionate Grounds

5293. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme in the Telecom Department which provides for employment of compassionate grounds to the next of the kin of the employees who die in harness;

(b) if so, the duration by which the department provides such employment to the family members of the deceased employees; and

(c) the details in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Such cases are processed on the basis